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RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION
REQUEST FOR 1-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Arlington, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Introduction:

Applicant herewith files this Response to the outstanding first, non-final Office Action, currently due on May 15, 2003 pursuant to an Extension of Time of 1 month, requested herewith. The fee for the 1-month extension, \$55 (applicant is a small entity), is hereby authorized to be charged to the Deposit Account 04-1699 of undersigned counsel of record for Applicant. In the event this amount is in error, please charge the correct amount to that Deposit Account 04-1699. Please reference the Attorney Docket # 24623-001US in connection with any transaction in order to facilitate our record keeping.

Request for Telephone Interview. Applicants respectfully request the courtesy of a telephone interview between Applicant's undersigned counsel and the Examiner upon the Examiner reaching this case and doing a preliminary review of this Response. The Examiner is requested to contact counsel at 360 - 681 - 7305 to arrange a time convenient to discuss the issues presented by this Response or resolve any remaining open issues.

Request for Approval of Formal Drawings. Applicant herewith requests the Office approve and enter the Formal Drawings submitted on August 2, 2000. This request is made because item 10 in the Office Action Summary was not checked. Please seknowledge receipt, entry into this case file and approval of those drawings.

This Response is in the Revised Format, per the Feb 25, 2003 O.G. Sottee.

End of Section 1, Introduction.

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